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SUBJECT: TERRORIST THREAT IN EUROPE

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1. CONTACTS WERE MADE WITH CONCERNED TWA OFFICERS, ATHENS AIRPORT SECURITY POLICE, AND ATHENS CIVIL AERONAUTICS REPRESENTATIVES. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LATTER IS CONTAINED IN ATHENS 7508. TWA SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT ATHENS AIRPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1974 IN BRIEF INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

A. ALL BAGGAGE IS INSPECTED PRIOR TO BEING PUT ON TWA FLIGHTS DEPARTING ATHENS; (B) STRICT REVIEW OF TICKETS AND PASSPORTS IS MADE; (C) ELECTRONIC SCREENING IS CONDUCTED BY GREEK AIRPORT POLICE ON ALL PASSENGERS; (D) ALL PASSENGERS ARE SUBJECT TO A BODY SEARCH PRIOR TO DEPARTING TRANSIT LOUNGE TO BOARD TWA FLIGHTS. ALL FREIGHT MUST BE IN TWA WAREHOUSES 24 HOURS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE. ARMED GREEK SECURITY POLICE ARE ON DUTY IN ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AREAS OF AIRPORT, IN TRANSIT LOUNGE, AT EMBARKATION POINTS, SCREENING AREAS AND AT ALL ENTRANCES AND GATES. RECENTLY, CAR PATROLLING POLICE AROUND THE PARKED PLANES
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AND IN THE VICINITY OF AIRSTRIP HAS BEEN REMOVED. GREEK

AIRPORT POLICE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT PRESENT SECURITY PROCEDURES AT ATHENS AIRPORT ARE SUFFICIENT. GREEK AIRPORT POLICE CONCERNED APPEARED TO BE CONSCIENTIOUS IN THEIR EFFORTS AND WILLING TO RECEIVE CONSTRUCTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WOULD IMPROVE OVERALL AIRPORT SECURITY. RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO AIRPORT POLICE INCLUDE HAVING ALL BAGGAGE IDENTIFIED BY DEPARTING PASSENGERS AT PLANSIDE PRIOR TO THEIR BOARDING; HAVING MORE VISIBLE ARMED SECURITY POLICE AROUND THE VICINITY OF AIRPLANES AND ESPECIALLY AT TAKE-OFF AND LANDING AREAS.

2. EMBASSY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTINUE ASSISTING WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO INCREASE NEED FOR SECURITY AT ATHENS AIRPORT.

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